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Lewistown, MT----The Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the Fergus Conservation District (FCD), will host a meeting at the *Central Montana Community Center*, 307 W. Watson, in Lewistown, on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss involving members of the public with managing forest resources in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains.

Both the BLM and the FCD feel involving interested individuals and organizations in resource management will provide better opportunities to implement projects, accomplish shared objectives, and coordinate treatments across different ownerships.

During this meeting, the BLM will discuss the collaborative process and specific forest improvement projects (mostly in the Maiden Canyon area and approved in the Judith-Moccasin Landscape Analysis). An emphasis of this meeting will be finding ways to involve members of the public with implementing these projects.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to be kept informed, or if you have questions or comments, please contact Bruce Reid, Brad Eckert, or Jennifer Walker (BLM forestry and fuels staff) at 538-1900.

Again, all interested publics are invited to meet at the *Central Montana Community Center*, 307 W. Watson, on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. to begin a collaborative forest management process in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains.

This collaborative forest management process is separate from other public land outreach efforts in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains.